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## 'We Tell Russia Too Much'

Allen W. Dulles, director of the U. S. Central Intelligence Agency, in a copyrighted interview in a recent issue of *U. S. News & World Report*, contended that the Russians have a far easier time gathering information about the U. S. than we have getting the dope on them. That is because of the freedom with which so much information about the United States is presented in newspapers and magazines, and published in technical journals.

"Sometimes," says Mr. Dulles—brother of Secretary of State John Foster Dulles—"I think we go too far in what our government gives out officially and in what is published in the scientific and technical field. We tell Russia too much. Under our system it is hard to control it."

That is an entirely understandable viewpoint from one charged with one of the nation's most sensitive security responsibilities. But we do not think very many persons would have it otherwise. It is a condition of free government which makes for an ease in Russian acquisition of much information about us. We would not welcome any plugging of this loophole which seemed to lead to still more concealment. This is an age when men are solely tempted to hide much, but we yet believe that ultimately the way of freedom will prevail and not all that the

Russians can learn about us will be greatly harmful to us.

In answering a question about intelligence work during World War II, when he was with the Office of Strategic Services, Mr. Dulles noted that he had a line into German intelligence itself, through Adm. Canaris, head of military counter-intelligence for the Wehrmacht; this was because German intelligence was divided, and because part of it was secretly anti-Hitler. Of special interest is Mr. Dulles' following comment about underground work: "Of course, there is a situation in the U. S. S. R. today which is somewhat similar."

We assume that such a comment, coming from Mr. Dulles, may be, and ought to be given great weight. He also said that such entry existed with respect to satellite countries. So, although it is easier for Russia to spy on the U. S. than it is for us to spy on Russia, we have a foot in the door. That might be some consolation to those who seem to think we flounder very badly on this score. Actually, that which is done by the U. S. is kept quiet for the most part. We hear much and often about communist infiltration in the United States. But we hear little of our successes in infiltrating Russia. Russia doesn't publish much about it either, and we may be sure that the Reds would use any such information they might have, for propaganda purposes.